



Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee

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The United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee efforts in 2002 will continue to include outreach and training for Arizona's law enforcement LECC members. Tribal law enforcement service outreach and inclusion remains a top priority for U. S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton, Chair of the LECC Executive Committee.

As part of the LECC community outreach efforts, special emphasis will be placed on the ***Weed and Seed*** strategy. Weed and Seed is a Department of Justice funded program to address crime at the grass roots level. It pulls together community, law enforcement and prosecution agencies to fight crime in a specific neighborhood affected by crime. Upon request, the U. S. Attorney's Office will provide information or make presentations to police agencies, including tribal agencies, interested in developing a Weed and Seed strategy. Though funding is limited and competitive, when developed, this strategy will assist in community revitalization as well as crime prevention. The LECC staff provided a briefing on the Weed and Seed strategy to representatives of the Indian County Intelligence Network at the July, 2002 Law Enforcement "Pow Wow" held in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Fiscal year 2002 has brought many challenges for all members of Arizona's law enforcement communities. With budget cuts and the increased needs of law enforcement, training will be a major focus of attention. In the coming year, new Department of Justice initiatives will provide more opportunities for line officers. The LECC will work toward making those opportunities accessible to the local law enforcement. The LECC Native American Issues Advisory Subcommittee, in conjunction with the Training and Conference Committee, will also look forward to developing "on-site" tribal training. Information sharing, program development, and support of tribal law enforcement issues remain the goal of the District of Arizona's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee.

The LECC Native American Issues Advisory Subcommittee has been a vital part of the overall LECC mission to achieve understanding and coordination among Arizona's law enforcement. Chief Lawrence "Larry" Seligman, of the Tohono O'odham Police Department and Vice Chair of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee's Native American Issues Advisory Subcommittee, recently retired from service. As the Subcommittee Chairman, Chief Seligman was an integral participant in discussions and programs affecting statewide law enforcement and tribal communities.

On behalf of the District of Arizona's LECC Executive Committee and fellow members of the Native American Issues Advisory Subcommittee, LECC thanks Chief Seligman for a job well done. The efforts of LECC in Indian Country have been strengthened by his commitment. We hope that when a replacement for retired Chief Seligman is found, that the coordination and communication efforts of this subcommittee will continue to be a vital part of the LECC.